

# Arts in the Parks

## Prophetstown State Park

**Website:** <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2971.htm>

### Key Messages/Stories:

- Prophetstown State Park was established in 2004.
- Cultural History of the Area – The park’s namesake, Prophetstown, was founded by Tenskwatawa (the Prophet) and his brother Tecumseh in 1808 along the Tippecanoe and Wabash Rivers. It was created to be the epicenter of the brothers’ movement to resist American expansion. Other American Indian occupation and history exists at the park too, including a mid-1700’s encampment at the river confluence, called Kethtippecanuk, pre-historic mounds, and more.
- Natural beauty – Prophetstown State Park is located in West-Central Indiana where prairie historically existed. Today, the prairies have been restored to reflect the historic landscape – tall grass prairies dotted with beautiful wildflowers. Additionally, the park has fens - a type of wetland, a pond, creeks, woodland bluffs, oak savannahs, and two rivers.

### Top Five Things to Do:

- Tour the Native American Village/prairie, tour The Farm (1920’s era), fishing pond (catch and release), aquatic center (tube slide, body slide, lazy river, leisure pool)
- Village/prairie trail, Trail 2 overlook deck and woodland trail, Trail 3 woodland bluff, Trail 2 fen, bike hike on bicycle trail, Trail3/4 to the river confluence (lengthy hike and sometimes flooded.)
- Visitor center (with educational animals and displays), The Farm/farmhouse (1920’s Sears, Roebuck & Co. kit house)
- Picnic areas, playgrounds,

**Lodging:** Campground only (110 sites – 55 full hookup and 55 electric.)

**General visitor profile:** campers (mostly weekends); day-users for picnics and hiking and playgrounds and aquatic center use; visiting the nature center/farm/village; school groups in spring/summer; scout and other groups for private programs and volunteer service projects; a lot of photographers.

### Potential arts venues:

- No Amphitheaters; we do have an overlook deck which could be used “like a stage” but there is no seating, capacity is around 40 people
- Various shelter houses:
  - 3 large shelter houses (capacity 120-150; picnic table seating); all have electricity; none are enclosed; one has a “servery” with a large grill inside, but no “kitchen” amenities; all have modern restroom building nearby; good parking.
- Nature Center: Visitor Center
  - Conference room that accommodates 65 in chairs only; or 40 with tables and chairs; a/v system with video conferencing, sound system, etc.; some bare wall space for hanging paintings, etc.



- The Farm – has large barn space; somewhat open floorplan for dancing, music, etc.; front porch of farmhouse and large front lawn.

**Visitation in FY2014:** Just under 500,000

**Nearby Communities:** Lafayette, West Lafayette, Battle Ground, Indianapolis

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